

News Release

Fall Semester at UMC Brings Students More Options and Opportunities

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CROOKSTON, MN (September 18, 2006) – Students are finding more choices when selecting a major at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) this fall. Agronomy and horticulture are now two separate stand-alone Bachelor of Science programs making them easier to recognize for students as well as potential employers. And an online Bachelor of Applied Science degree in psychology is also available.

Students majoring in horticulture, the cultivation and production of flowers, fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants, can take options in either production horticulture or environmental landscaping.

“The horticulture industry is experiencing major growth in the United States with the increase in landscaping and the use of plants in indoor spaces,” Natural Resources Department Head Dan Svedarsky said. “Employment opportunities make horticulture an exciting area to work and include such career options as extension educator, commercial greenhouse operator and even horticulture therapy. This field is very broad and gives students many choices.”

UMC students majoring in agronomy, the science of soil management and production of field crops, will receive specialized training in advanced agricultural technologies which focus on the scientific changes taking place in agriculture today. Degree options include agronomic science and crop production. Career choices include opportunities to work as agronomists, county agricultural extension agents, quality control experts and seed analysts.

The psychology degree is being offered in collaboration with the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD). UMC students can take their general education courses and beginning psychology courses onsite at UMC and the advanced courses online through UMD. UMC’s outstanding technology efforts make these types of activities possible and allow students more choices than ever before.

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